

Wednesday

TIME	CH38 AFN-ATLANTIC	TIME	CH38 AFN-PACIFIC	CH39 SPECTRUM	CH40 NEWSPORTS
9:00	Oprah Winfrey Show	7:00	Jeopardy!	The Flintstones (TV-G)	Headline News
9:30	<35> Port Charles (TV-14)	7:30	Headline News	The Brady Bunch (TV-G)	Nightly Business Report
10:00	<20> Guiding Light (TV-14)	8:00	Pacific Report	Happy Days (TV-G)	NCAA Basketball (ESPN2)
10:30		8:30	<33> CNN SI	The Cosby Show (TV-G)	Syncause at Rutgers
11:00	<10> General Hospital	9:00	Mesha (TV-PG)	Star Trek (TV-PG)	
11:30		9:30	Michael In The Middle	Where No Man Has Gone...	
12:00	Headline News	10:00	Beverly Hills 90210	Secrets of War (TV-PG)	NCAA Basketball (ESPN2)
12:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	10:30	Doc Martin	The Holocaust Secret	
13:00	Today	11:00	Buff! The Vampire Slayer (TV-14)	Combat At Sea Supercarriers	St. Bonaventure at Fordham
13:30		11:30	Doomed	NYPD Blue (TV-14)	DateLine NBC
14:00		12:00	Pacific Report	Numb & Number	
14:30		12:30	<35> Tonight Show with Jay	Spectrum Movie Blackboard Jungle (TV-PG)	Headline News
15:00	Disney's Jungle Cubs	13:00			Morning Biz Report and Good Morning America
15:30	Brand Spanking New Doug	13:30	<35> Late Show with David		
16:00	The Crocodile Hunter's Croc	14:00			
16:30	Saved By The Bell	14:30	<35> ESPN News		
17:00	Jeopardy!	15:00	<05> Movies 'til Dawn	The Flintstones (TV-G)	
17:30	Headline News	15:30	Suspect (TV-PG)	The Brady Bunch (TV-G)	
18:00	CNN SI	16:00		Happy Days (TV-G)	NHL Hockey (FSN)
18:30	Headline News	16:30		The Cosby Show (TV-G)	
19:00	Mesha (TV-PG)	17:00	<15> Movies 'til Dawn	Star Trek (TV-PG)	(Teams TBD)
19:30	Michael In The Middle	17:30	The Last Boy Scout (TV-PG)	Where No Man Has Gone...	
20:00	Beverly Hills 90210	18:00		Secrets of War (TV-PG)	
20:30	Doc Martin	18:30		The Holocaust Secret	
21:00	Buff! The Vampire Slayer (TV-14)	19:00	Headline News	Combat At Sea Supercarriers	SportsCenter
21:30	Doomed	19:30	ESPN News		
22:00	Headline News	20:00	Today	NYPD Blue (TV-14)	Newsfront (MSNBC)
22:30	<35> Tonight Show with Jay	20:30		Numb & Number	
23:00		21:00		Spectrum Movie Blackboard Jungle (TV-PG)	Your World
23:30	<35> Late Show with David	21:30			
0:00		22:00	Today II		Headline News
0:30	<35> Showbiz Today	22:30			NBC Nightly News
1:00	NCAA Basketball	23:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	The Flintstones (TV-G)	ABC World News Tonight
1:30	North Carolina at Maryland (ACC)	23:30		The Brady Bunch (TV-G)	NHL Hockey (ESPN2)
2:00		0:00	Burney & Friends	Happy Days (TV-G)	
2:30		0:30	Wheel Of Fortune	The Cosby Show (TV-G)	Stars at Thrashers
3:00	NCAA Basketball	1:00	Oprah Winfrey Show	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	
3:30	Duke at NC State (ACC)	1:30			
4:00		2:00	NBC Nightly News	America's Castles	
4:30		2:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	Bayou Estates	ESPN News
5:00	Headline News	3:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	Ancient Mysteries	Sports Tonight
5:30	ABC World News Tonight	3:30	<25> Guiding Light (TV-14)	Secrets Of Sex: Karma Sutra	
6:00	CNN SI	4:00	<15> General Hospital	XFiles (TV-14)	Larry King Live
6:30	NBC Nightly News	4:30		Mix (Part 2)	
7:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	5:00	<05> Rugrats (TV-Y)	Spectrum Movie	News with Brian Williams
7:30		5:30	Arthur (TV-Y)	The Hunter They Fall (TV-PG)	
8:00	Burney & Friends	6:00	Polemon (TV-Y)		The O'Reilly Factor
8:30	Wheel Of Fortune	6:30	Men In Black (TV-Y7)		

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9:00	Oprah Winfrey Show	7:00	Jeopardy!	The Flintstones (TV-G)	Nightline
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10:00	<20> Guiding Light (TV-14)	8:00	Pacific Report	Happy Days (TV-G)	NCAA Basketball (ESPN2)
10:30		8:30	<33> CNN SI	The Cosby Show (TV-G)	Illinois at Iowa
11:00	<10> General Hospital	9:00	Futurama (TV-PG)	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	
11:30		9:30	That '70s Show (TV-PG)		
12:00	Headline News	10:00	Star Trek Voyager (TV-PG)	Crocodile Hunter (TV-G)	NHL 2Night (ESPN2)
12:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	10:30	Tinker, Tenor, Doctor, Spy	Island of Time	NBA 2Night (ESPN2)
13:00	Today	11:00	Law & Order (TV-14)	Emergency Vets (TV-PG)	Nat'l Sports Report (FSN)
13:30		11:30	Ritual	Toyota World Of Wildlife (TV-G)	
14:00		12:00	Pacific Report	Homicide: Life On Finnegan's Wake	48 Hours
14:30		12:30	<35> Tonight Show with Jay		
15:00	Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries	13:00		Spectrum Movie	Headline News
15:30	Disney's The Little Mermaid	13:30	<35> Late Show with David	Hill is for Heroes (TV-PG)	Morning Biz Report and Good Morning America
16:00	Mesha (TV-PG)	14:00			
16:30	Chesley	14:30	<35> ESPN News		
17:00	Jeopardy!	15:00	<05> Movies 'til Dawn	The Flintstones (TV-G)	
17:30	Headline News	15:30	Tombstone	The Brady Bunch (TV-G)	
18:00	CNN SI	16:00		Happy Days (TV-G)	NHL Hockey (ESPN2)
18:30	Headline News	16:30	<45> Movies 'til Dawn	The Cosby Show (TV-G)	
19:00	Futurama (TV-PG)	17:00		Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	Sabres at Kings
19:30	That '70s Show (TV-PG)	17:30	Shane (TV-PG)		
20:00	Star Trek Voyager (TV-PG)	18:00		Crocodile Hunter (TV-G)	
20:30	Tinker, Tenor, Doctor, Spy	18:30		Island of Time	
21:00	Law & Order (TV-14)	19:00	Today	Emergency Vets (TV-PG)	SportsCenter
21:30	Ritual	19:30		Toyota World Of Wildlife (TV-G)	
22:00	Headline News	20:00		Homicide: Life On Finnegan's Wake	PrimeTime Thursday (ABC)
22:30	<35> Tonight Show with Jay	20:30			
23:00		21:00	Franklin (TV-Y)	Spectrum Movie	Your World
23:30	<35> Late Show with David	21:30	Between The Lions (TV-Y)	Hill is for Heroes (TV-PG)	
0:00		22:00	Disney's Recess (TV-G)		Headline News
0:30	<35> Showbiz Today	22:30	Sponge Bob SquarePants (TV-Y)		NBC Nightly News
1:00	<05> Movies 'til Dawn	23:00	Polemon (TV-Y)	The View	ABC World News Tonight
1:30	Tombstone	23:30	Making The Band (TV-PG)		PGA Golf (ESPN)
2:00	(TV-PG)	0:00	Discover Magazine	Seasons By Season (TV-G)	
2:30	<45> Movies 'til Dawn	0:30	War	Interior Mithes	Mercedes Championships
3:00		1:00	This Old House	Frasier (TV-PG)	
3:30	Shane (TV-PG)	1:30	California's Gold	Friends (TV-PG)	(Second Round)
4:00		2:00	NBC Nightly News	Dawson's Creek (TV-14)	
4:30		2:30	Navy/Marine Corps News	That is the Question	Up Close with Garry Miller
5:00	Headline News	3:00	NBA (FSN)	Ally McBeal (TV-14)	Sports Tonight
5:30	ABC World News Tonight	3:30		Blue Christmas	
6:00	CNN SI	4:00	(Teams TBD)	Any Day Now (TV-14)	Larry King Live
6:30	NBC Nightly News	4:30		Unfinished Symphony	
7:00	Franklin (TV-Y)	5:00		Spectrum Movie	News with Brian Williams
7:30	Between The Lions (TV-Y)	5:30	NFL Films Presents (ESPN2)		
8:00	Disney's Recess (TV-G)	6:00	WWF Superstars (TV-14)	The Hospital (TV-PG)	The O'Reilly Factor
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10:30		8:30	<33> CNN SI	The Cosby Show (TV-G)	Blues at Mighty Ducks
11:00	<10> General Hospital	9:00	Dharma & Greg (TV-14)	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	
11:30		9:30	The Parkers (TV-PG)		
12:00	Headline News	10:00	Will & Grace (TV-14)	America's Castles	
12:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	10:30	<35> Spin City (TV-PG)	Bayou Estates	Nat'l Sports Report (FSN)
13:00	Today	11:00	City Of Angels (TV-14)	Ancient Mysteries	
13:30		11:30	Assume The Position	Secrets Of Sex: Karma Sutra	
14:00		12:00	Pacific Report	XFiles (TV-14)	CNN Newstand
14:30		12:30	<35> Tonight Show with Jay	Mix (Part 2)	
15:00	Rugrats (TV-Y)	13:00		Spectrum Movie	Headline News
15:30	Arthur (TV-Y)	13:30	<35> Late Show with David	The Hunter They Fall (TV-PG)	Morning Biz Report and Good Morning America
16:00	Polemon (TV-Y)	14:00			
16:30	Men In Black (TV-Y7)	14:30	<35> ESPN News		
17:00	Jeopardy!	15:00	<05> Movies 'til Dawn	The Flintstones (TV-G)	
17:30	Headline News	15:30	Let's Do It Again (TV-PG)	The Brady Bunch (TV-G)	
18:00	CNN SI	16:00		Happy Days (TV-G)	NBA Basketball (TNT)
18:30	Headline News	16:30		The Cosby Show (TV-G)	
19:00	Dharma & Greg (TV-14)	17:00	<10> Movies 'til Dawn	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	Trail Blazers at 76ers
19:30	The Parkers (TV-PG)	17:30	Love Me Tender		
20:00	Will & Grace (TV-14)	18:00		America's Castles	
20:30	<35> Spin City (TV-PG)	18:30		Bayou Estates	Inside the NBA (TNT)
21:00	City Of Angels (TV-14)	19:00	Headline News	Ancient Mysteries	SportsCenter
21:30	Assume The Position	19:30	ESPN News	Secrets Of Sex: Karma Sutra	
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1:30		23:30		The Brady Bunch (TV-G)	
2:00	NBA (TNT-Live)	0:00	Teletubbies (TV-Y)	Happy Days (TV-G)	Mercedes Championships
2:30		0:30	Wheel Of Fortune	The Cosby Show (TV-G)	
3:00	Pacers at Suns	1:00	Oprah Winfrey Show	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	(First Round)
3:30		1:30			
4:00		2:00	NBC Nightly News	Crocodile Hunter (TV-G)	Up Close with Garry Miller
4:30	Inside the NBA (TNT-Live)	2:30	Judge Judy (TV-PG)	Island of Time	Street Rodder (ESPN2)
5:00	Headline News	3:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	Emergency Vets (TV-PG)	Sports Tonight
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6:00	CNN SI	4:00	<15> General Hospital	Homicide: Life On The Streets	Larry King Live
6:30	NBC Nightly News	4:30		Finnegan's Wake	
7:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	5:00	<05> Sylvester & Tweety	Spectrum Movie	News with Brian Williams
7:30		5:30	Disney's The Little Mermaid	Hill is for Heroes (TV-PG)	
8:00	Teletubbies (TV-Y)	6:00	Mesha (TV-PG)		The O'Reilly Factor
8:30	Wheel Of Fortune	6:30	Chesley		



All movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Call Ext. 23302 for more information.

(V, violence; S, sex or sensuality; D, drug use; L, language; G, gore)

Saturday Red Planet

Val Kilmer, Carrie-Anne Moss; a team of American astronauts make the first manned expedition to Mars. PG-13 (V,S,I,L).

Sunday The Little Vampire, 4 p.m.

Alice Krige, James Carter; a boy and his friend go on an adventure to find a magic pendant. PG (V).

Monday Lucky Numbers

John Travolta, Tim Roth; a weatherman plans to get rich quick by running a lottery scam. R (L,S,D,V).

Tuesday Pay It Forward

Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt; When a boy's scheme has everyone being nice, his world changes forever. PG-13 (D,S,I,L,V).

Wednesday Meet The Parents

Robert De Niro, Ben Stiller; when Greg meets his girlfriend's parents, everything goes wrong does. PG-13 (S,D,I,L).

Thursday Bedazzled

Brendan Fraser, Elizabeth Hurley; the devil promises a hapless nerd seven wishes in exchange for his soul. PG-13 (S,I,L,D).

Jan. 12 Blair Witch 2

Jeffrey Donovan; five campers awake to a scene of destruction and no memory of having gone to sleep. R (V,L,S,D).

The Contender, 10 p.m.

Joan Allen, Jeff Bridges; when the Vice President dies, Senator Laine is chosen by the President to be the first woman to hold office. R (strong sexual content, language).



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Lajes Field, Azores

News briefs

Postage increases

United States Postal Service officials announced an increase in first-class postage stamps from 33 cents to 34. The priority rate increases from \$3.20 to \$3.50. The increases will take effect Sunday. One cent stamps are available.

Changes affect paper deadline

The public affairs is working to improve the quality of the Crossroads. To affect these improvements, the paper is now printed in Angra. The editor must adhere to strict deadlines and reminds customers to submit information as early as possible. Deadline for submissions is Friday, one week prior to publication.

Wing agency set

The Wing Agency Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 2 p.m., in the Battle Staff, Bldg. T-175 Updated slides are due by noon Monday.

Tax forms available soon

After the tax office stands up in February, people living on the island who normally don't have access to the base will be allowed to pick up tax forms. Those without authorization can go to the pass and identification office outside the main gate, 8:00-noon and 2-4 p.m., to request a pass. Public affairs will sponsor the person on base long enough to pick up tax forms -- one hour maximum. Pass and ID will provide directions and contact numbers. PA recommends visitors keep the numbers with them while on base, in case they need further assistance.

Self help gives free roses

On-base residents can get free rose bushes from the self-help store, Bldg. T-561 beginning Wednesday. Roses are available on a first-come, first-serve basis -- limit of three per household.



photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott Johnson

Exercise, exercise, exercise!

During a recent major accident response exercise, rescue technicians Staff Sgts. John Burleson (left) and Sean Horrigan, from the Lajes fire department, "stabilize" a victim (Staff Sgt. Doug Ellenberger, mission support squadron) before transporting him to the medical center. Exercises of this type keep Lajes troops trained for any emergency situation.

Hardship pay hike hits home

Staff Sgt. Beverly Isik Public affairs

People stationed at Lajes will see more money in their Jan. 15 pay checks.

The increase is from a Defense Department approved implementation of the new Hardship Duty Pay for Location Allowance, effective Jan. 1.

HDP-L replaces the \$8-\$22.50 a month enlisted members at Lajes received in 2000, depending on their rank.

Now it's a flat rate of \$50, across the board, regardless of rank, explained Staff Sgt. Shaftell Howard, accounting and finance.

This is good news for officers assigned here who haven't received the allowance until now, he said.

The new HDP-L rates vary from \$50, \$100, or \$150, based on location.

U.S. stateside-hired federal civilian em-

ployees at Lajes will continue to receive a five percent post differential payment, according to Jennifer Rottinger, civilian personnel supervisory position classification specialist.

Members assigned to quality of life hardship locations outside the continental United States are eligible for HDP-L. These are locations where living conditions are substantially below the standard most members in the states would generally experience, officials said.

Members arriving at an HDP-L location for permanent reassignment are eligible for HDP-L from the day they arrive at the new station, officials said.

People performing temporary duty in a designated HDP-L location will not be eligible during the first 30 days; however, on the 31st day, they will begin receiving HDP-L, retroactive to the first day they reported.

Action Line Ext. 24240
actionline@lajes.af.mil

The Action Line is your tool to help the Team Lajes community. It's a direct line to U.S. Forces Azores and 65th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Bill Percival.

However, before you call, try to resolve your concern through the appropriate agency. Some numbers are listed here. You may remain anonymous when you call the Action Line, but for a direct answer, leave your name and phone number.



Colonel Bill Percival

Gate 7 open longer


Question: Being a new resident here at Lajes and with a high school student and an elementary student, I have some questions concerning the hospital or walking gate. I would like to know if the gate hours could be extended for those students with after school activities. Thanks for your consideration.

Answer: Thanks for sharing your concerns on Gate 7 hours. Quite frankly, when we requested the gate to be open for pedestrians only, we never considered extending the hours to accommodate after hours school programs. This is a great idea! Air Base Four granted our request and now the Hospital Gate (Gate 7) is open from 7:30-5:30 Monday through Friday.

Another success story for Team Lajes! All too often, good ideas never become realities because people are reluctant to express their apprehensions and concerns.

That's what the action line is all about, letting senior leadership know your thoughts and concerns. We're all in this together, making Lajes a better place to live and work

Thanks again for your suggestion.


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BX offers best price program

Valerie Neu

AAFES General Manager

The Army and Air Force Exchange service is dedicated to making sure our prices are the absolute best available for our customers.



This program is not designed to compete with local retailers. It's a method by which any authorized customer may challenge our prices should they find a lower price elsewhere. Once a challenge has been rendered by a customer with an advertisement, a price change will be accepted on the spot.

AAFES also accepts oral challenges up to \$5. These can be made at the cash register. A challenge of more than \$5 will require approval from an AAFES supervisor in accordance with guidelines and rules of the program.

It's important our customers understand there are a number of exceptions associated with this program. Some examples are: Commissary and BX Mart prices will not be matched and a number of selected categories sold by the Exchange are not part of the challenge program.

Regarding item exceptions, please contact any of the sales associates or management team members with specific questions on what products may be challenged.

Most catalog and internet challenges are not part of the challenge program. However, while stationed at Lajes, customers can use the following catalogs and internet sources to challenge prices on clothing, shoes and health care items: JC Penny, Sears, Service Merchandise and Spiegel. As always, the identical item must be available within the BX. Please direct all queries to AAFES Management Team at 2-3444.

tv guide and movies

American Forces Network on TV <http://www.afrts.osd.mil/afnontv/html/schedule.htm>

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9:00	Poleman (TVY)	7:00	Entertainers	The View	Nightline
9:30	Making The Band (TV-PG)	7:30			Nightly Business Report
10:00	Discover Magazine	8:00	Headline News	Seas0n By Seas0n (TV-G)	ESPN2 Boing
10:30	Dead Of Alive	8:30	ESPNNews	Interior Mtnes	
11:00	This Old House	9:00	Stargate SG-1 (TV-PG)	Frasier (TV-PG)	
11:30	California's Gold	9:30	Dead Man Switch	Friends (TV-PG)	
12:00	Entertainers	10:00	Once And Again (TV-PG)	Friends (TV-PG)	
12:30		10:30	CatIn Hat	The One In Vegas	ESPNNews
13:00	WWF Superstars (TV-14)	11:00	2020	Dawson's Creek (TV-14)	National Sports Report
13:30		11:30		To Be Or Not To Be	
14:00	Stargate SG-1 (TV-PG)	12:00	Headline News	Ally McBeal (TV-14)	Duteline NBC
14:30	Dead Man Switch	12:30	Saturday Night Live (TV-14)	Saving Santa	
15:00	Once And Again (TV-PG)	13:00	Rob Lowe/Entinem	Spectrum Movie	Headline News
15:30	Cat-in Hat	13:30			Wall Street Journal Report
16:00	2020	14:00	It's Showtime 'A' The Apollo (TV	Strangers On A Train	McLaughlin Group
16:30		14:30			Washington Week In Review
17:00	Headline News	15:00	Friday Night (TV-14)	The View	Travel Now
17:30	Ny9mir/Myr Corp9 News	15:30			Page One w/ Nick Charles
18:00	NFL Today (Live)	16:00	NFL Pregame (FOX/Live)	Season By Season (TV-G)	NCAA Women's Basketball
18:30	NFL/NFC Division Playoff (FOX)	16:30	NFL/NFC Division Playoff (FOX)	Interior Mtnes	Nxter at George Washington
19:00		17:00		Frasier (TV-PG)	
19:30	Saints at Vikings	17:30	Saints at Vikings	Friends (TV-PG)	
20:00		18:00		Friends (TV-PG)	PGA Golf (ABC)
20:30		18:30		The One In Vegas	
21:00		19:00		Dawson's Creek (TV-14)	Accenture Match Play
21:30		19:30		To Be Or Not To Be	
22:00	NFL/AFC Division Playoff (CBS)	20:00	NFL/AFC Division Playoff (CBS)	Ally McBeal (TV-14)	
22:30		20:30		Saving Santa	
23:00	Dolphins at Raiders	21:00	Dolphins at Raiders	Spectrum Movie	Headline News
23:30		21:30			Ny9mir/Myr Corp9 News
0:00		22:00		Strangers On A Train	
0:30		22:30			
1:00		23:00		Nina Puddin'	NCAA College Basketball (CE
1:30	Saturday Night Live (TV-14)	23:30	Headline News	Grasping For The Wind	Stanford at Arizona
2:00	Rob Lowe/Entinem	0:00	Army Newswatch	Profiles In Praise	(Pacific 10)
2:30		0:30	Hour Of Power	Real Videos	
3:00	It's Showtime 'A' The Apollo (TV	1:00	Celebration Of Victory	The Andy Griffith Show	NCAA College Basketball
3:30		1:30	Precepts For Life	I Love Lucy (TV-G)	Wake Forest at North Carolina
4:00	Friday Night (TV-14)	2:00	Christopher Closeup	Bewitched (TV-G)	(ACC)
4:30		2:30	I-Cubed	MASH/H (TV-PG)	
5:00	Headline News	3:00	Family Movie	Charlie's Angels (TV-G)	Sports Tonight
5:30	Hour Of Power	3:30	Hrse Sense (TV-G)	Angels in Paradise (Part 1)	
6:00	Celebration Of Victory	4:00		Fantasy Island (TV-G)	Larry King Weekend (CNN)
6:30	Precepts For Life	4:30		Red Baron/Young At Heart	
7:00	Christopher Closeup	5:00	Wild Things (TV-PG)	Twilight Zone (TV-PG)	Duteline International
7:30	I-Cubed	5:30		Alied Hitchcock Presents (TV	
8:00	Master Rogers' Neighborhood	6:00	VIP (TV-PG)	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	Judith Regan Tonight (FNC)
8:30	Hipply Ever After (TV-Y)	6:30	Ransom Of Red Val		

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9:30		7:30	Headline News	The Brady Bunch(TV-G)	
10:00	<35> AFN Special Movie	8:00	Pacific Report	Happy Days (TV-G)	NCAA College Basketball (CBS)
10:30	Before Women Had Wings (TV-PG)	8:30	<33> CNN/NI	The Cosby Show (TV-G)	Michigan State at Indiana (Big 10)
11:00		9:00	60 Minutes	Little Men (TV-PG)	
11:30		9:30		The Weaker Sex	
12:00	Headline News	10:00	Touched By An Angel	Discover Magazine	NC'AA Womens Basketball
12:30	Judge Judy (TVPG)	10:30	The Whole Truth and Nothing	Engineering Disasters	Connecticut at Louis and Tech
13:00	Today	11:00	The Practice (TV-14)	New Detectives	
13:30		11:30	Free Dental	Deadly Target	
14:00		12:00	Pacific Report	ER (TV-14)	Dateline NBC-Sun
14:30		12:30	<35> Tonight Show with Jay	One Mre For The Road	
15:00	Disney's Hercules	13:00		Spectrum Movie	Headline News
15:30	Disney's Pepper Ann	13:30	<35> Late Show with David	Shenandoah (TV-PG)	Mining Biz Report and Good Morning America
16:00	Popular Mechanics For Kids	14:00			
16:30	Cousin Skeeter (TV-Y)	14:30	<35> ESPNNews		
17:00	Jeopardy!	15:00	<35> Movies 'til Dawn	The Flintstones (TV-G)	
17:30	Headline News	15:30	The Abyss (TV-PG)	The Brady Bunch(TV-G)	
18:00	CNN/NI	16:00		Happy Days (TV-G)	NC'AA Basketball (ESPN2)
18:30	Headline News	16:30		The Cosby Show (TV-G)	
19:00	60 Minutes	17:00	<15> Movies 'til Dawn	Little Men (TV-PG)	Tulane at UNB
19:30		17:30	The Adventures Of William Tell	The Weaker Sex	
20:00	Touched By An Angel	18:00	(TV-G)	Discover Magazine	ESPN2 Bowling
20:30	The Whole Truth and Nothing	18:30	Headline News	Engineering Disasters	
21:00	The Practice (TV-14)	19:00	ESPNNews	New Detectives	
21:30	Free Dental	19:30		Deadly Target	
22:00	Headline News	20:00	Today	ER (TV-14)	Navy/Marine Corps News
22:30	<35> Tonight Show with Jay	20:30		One Mre For The Road	Amy News/watch
23:00	<35> Late Show with David	21:00		Spectrum Movie	Your World
0:00		21:30	Today II	Shenandoah (TV-PG)	Headline News
0:30	<35> Entertainers	22:30			NBC Nightly News
1:00	<35> Movies 'til Dawn	23:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	The Flintstones (TV-G)	NC'AA Basketball (ESPN)
1:30	The Abyss	23:30		The Brady Bunch(TV-G)	
2:00	(TV-PG)	0:00	Barney & Friends	Happy Days (TV-G)	Notre Dame at Seton Hall
2:30		0:30	Wheel Of Fortune	The Cosby Show(TV-G)	
3:00	<15> Movies 'til Dawn	1:00	Oprah Winfrey Show	Star Trek (TV-PG)	NC'AA Basketball (ESPN)
3:30	The Adventures Of William Tell (TV-PG)	1:30		The City On The Edge Of	Iowa State at Oklahoma State
4:00		2:00	NBC Nightly News	Celebrity Profiles (TV-PG)	
4:30		2:30	Judge Judy (TVPG)	Jim Carrey	
5:00	Headline News	3:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	Intimate Portraits (TV-PG)	Sports Tonight
5:30	ABC World News Tonight	3:30	<25> Guiding Light (TV-14)	Sydney Seawant	
6:00	CNN/NI	4:00	<15> General Hospital	The Practice (TV-14)	Larry King Live
6:30	NBC Nightly News	4:30		The Means	
7:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	5:00	<35> Hey! Arnold (TV-Y)	Spectrum Movie	News with Brian Williams
7:30		5:30	Digimon: Digital Monsters (TV-	Send Me No Flowers (TV-G)	
8:00	Barney & Friends	6:00	Nick News		The O'Reilly Factor
8:30	Wheel Of Fortune	6:30	Sports Figures		

Sunday

TIME	CH 38, 37, AFN-ATLANTIC	TIME	CH 38, AFN-PACIFIC	CH 39 SPECTRUM	CH 40 NEWS/SPORTS
9:00	Family Movie	7:00	Computer Chronicles	Nina Puddin'	Navy/Marine Corps News
9:30		7:30	Wall Street Journal Report	Grasping For The Wind	Army News watch
10:00	Horse Sense	8:00	Headline News	Profiles In Praise	NCAA College Basketball (CBS)
10:30		8:30	ESPNNews	Real Videos	
11:00	Wild Things (TVPG)	9:00	Whose Line Is It Anyway? (TV-14)	The Andy Griffith Show	St. John's at Connecticut (Big)
11:30		9:30	Primetime Movie	I Love Lucy (TV-G)	
12:00	Headline News	10:00		Bewitched (TV-G)	Winter X-Games (ESPN2)
12:30	Army News watch	10:30	Apollo 13 (TVPG)	MA\$A'H (TVPG)	Winter X-Games - Big Air
13:00	NHL (ESPN2)	11:00		Charlie's Angels (TV-G)	Sports center
13:30		11:30		Angels in Paradise (Part 1)	
14:00	Avalanche at Hurricanes	12:00	Seinfeld (TV-14)	Fantasy Island (TV-G)	Dateline International 2
14:30		12:30	The Drew Carey Show	Red Baron/Yong at Heart	
15:00		13:00	Meet The Press	Twilight Zone (TVPG)	CBS News Sunday Morning
15:30		13:30		Allied Hitchcock Presents (TV-14)	
16:00	V.I.P. (TVPG)	14:00	America's Black Forum	Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	
16:30	Ransom of Red Val	14:30	Walker, Texas Ranger		Face the Nation
17:00	Computer Chronicles	15:00	On the Border	Nina Puddin'	Headline News
17:30	NFL Today (CBS-Live)	15:30	NFL Today (CBS-Live)	Grasping For The Wind	Army News watch
18:00		16:00		Profiles In Praise	ESPN SportsCenter
18:30	NFL AFC Division Playoff (CBS-Live)	16:30	NFL AFC Divs on Playoff (CBS-Live)	Real Videos	
19:00	Ravens at Titans	17:00	Ravens at Titans	The Andy Griffith Show	PGA Golf (ABC-Live)
19:30		17:30		I Love Lucy (TV-G)	
20:00		18:00		Bewitched (TV-G)	Accenture Mitch Play
20:30		18:30		MA\$A'H (TVPG)	
21:00		19:00		Charlie's Angels (TV-G)	
21:30		19:30		Angels in Paradise (Part 1)	Metropolitan Golf Course
22:00	NFL NFC Division Playoff (FOX)	20:00	NFL NFC Division Playoff (FOX)	Fantasy Island (TV-G)	
22:30		20:30		Red Baron/Yong at Heart	(Melbourne, Australia)
23:00	Eagles at Giants	21:00	Eagles at Giants	Twilight Zone (TVPG)	
23:30		21:30		Allied Hitchcock Presents (TV-14)	
0:00		22:00		Who Wants To Be A Millionaire	Best Ranger Challenge (ESPN2)
0:30		22:30			
1:00		23:00		The Flintstones (TV-G)	ESPNNews
1:30	Seinfeld (TV-14)	23:30	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	The Brady Bunch (TV-G)	Headline News
2:00	The Drew Carey Show	0:00		Happy Days (TV-G)	NHL Hockey (ESPN)
2:30	Walker, Texas Ranger	0:30	Wheel Of Fortune	The Cosby Show (TV-G)	Avalanche at Red Wings
3:00	On the Border	1:00	Oprah Winfrey Show	Little Men (TVPG)	
3:30	WWF Superstars (TV-14)	1:30		The Weakest Sex	
4:00		2:00	Headline News	Discover Magazines	
4:30	America's Black Forum	2:30	Judge Judy (TVPG)	Engineering Disasters	
5:00	Meet The Press	3:00	AFN Special Movie	New Detectives	Sports Tonight
5:30		3:30	Before Women Had Wings (TVPG)	Deadly Target	
6:00	Headline News	4:00		ER (TV-14)	This Week (ABC)
6:30	ESPNNews	4:30		One Mac For The Road	
7:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	5:00	<05> Disney's Hercules	Spectrum Movie	Headline News
7:30		5:30	Disney's Pepper Ann	Shenandoah (TVPG)	Science & Technology Week
8:00	Little Bear	6:00	Popular Mechanics For Kids		This Week (ABC)
8:30	Wheel Of Fortune	6:30	Cousin Skeeter (TV-Y)		

Tuesday

TIME	CH 8, 37, AFN-ATLANTIC	TIME	CH 38 AFN-PACIFIC	CH 39 SPECTRUM	CH 40 NEWS/SPORTS
9:00	Oprah Winfrey Show	7:00	Jeopardy!	The Flintstones (TVG)	Nightline
9:30	<55> Port Charles (TV-14)	7:30	Headline News	The Brady Bunch(TV-G)	Nightly Business Report
10:00	<20> Guiding Light (TV-14)	8:00	Pacific Report	Happy Days (TV-G)	NHL Hockey (ESPN2)
10:30		8:30	<33> CNN/SI	The Cosby Show (TV-G)	Penguins at Capitols
11:00	<10> General Hospital	9:00	American Music Awards	Star Trek (TVPG)	
11:30		9:30		The City On The Edge Of	
12:00	Headline News	10:00		Celebrity Profiles (TVPG)	
12:30	Judge Judy (TVPG)	10:30	LL Cool J	Jim Carrey	
13:00	Today	11:00		Intimate Portraits (TVPG)	Nat'l Sports Report (ESPN)
13:30		11:30		Sydney Seaward	
14:00		12:00	Pacific Report	The Practice (TV-14)	ABC News 20/20 Downtown
14:30		12:30	<35> Tonight Show with Jay	The Mums	
15:00	Hey! Arnold (TV-Y)	13:00		Spectrum Movie	Headline News
15:30	Digimon: Digital Masters (TV-	13:30	<35> Late Show with David	Send Me No Flowers	Morning Biz Report and
16:00	Nick News			(TV-G)	Good Moring America
16:30	Sports Figures	14:30	<35> ESPN/News		
17:00	Jeopardy!	15:00	<05> Movies 'til Dawn	The Flintstones (TVG)	
17:30	Headline News	15:30	Jurassic Park	The Brady Bunch(TV-G)	
18:00	CNN/SI	16:00	(TV-PG)	Happy Days (TV-G)	NFL Films Presents
18:30		16:30		The Cosby Show (TV-G)	NCAA Basketball (ESPN)
19:00	American Music Awards	17:00	<20> Movies 'til Dawn	Star Trek (TVPG)	NCAA Basketball (ESPN)
19:30		17:30	Abandoned And Deceived (TV-	The City On The Edge Of	Wyoming at Utah
20:00		18:00		Celebrity Profiles (TVPG)	
20:30		18:30		Jim Carrey	
21:00		19:00	Headline News	Intimate Portraits (TVPG)	Sports Center
21:30		19:30	ESPN/News	Sydney Seaward	
22:00	Headline News	20:00	Today	The Practice (TV-14)	Newsfront (6/8/NBC)
22:30	<35> Tonight Show with Jay	20:30		The Mums	
23:00		21:00		Spectrum Movie	Your World
23:30	<35> Late Show with David	21:30		Send Me No Flowers	
0:00		22:00	Today II	(TV-G)	Headline News
0:30	<35> Showbiz Today	22:30			NBC Nightly News
1:00	CNN/SI	23:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	The Flintstones (TVG)	NCAA Basketball
1:30		23:30		The Brady Bunch(TV-G)	
2:00	NBA(TBS-Live)	0:00	Teletubbies (TV-Y)	Happy Days (TV-G)	Indiana at Michigan
2:30		0:30	Wheel Of Fortune	The Cosby Show (TV-G)	
3:00	Spurs at Magic	1:00	Oprah Winfrey Show	Star Trek (TVPG)	NCAA Basketball
3:30		1:30		Where No Man Has Gone	Alabama at Tennessee
4:00		2:00	NBC Nightly News	Secrets of War (TVPG)	
4:30	Inside the NBA(TBS-Live)	2:30	Judge Judy (TVPG)	The Holocaust Secret	
5:00	Headline News	3:00	Port Charles (TV-14)	Combat At Sea	Sports Tonight
5:30	ABC World News Tonight	3:30	<25> Guiding Light (TV-14)	Superheroes	
6:00	CNN/SI	4:00	<15> General Hospital	NYPD Blue (TV-14)	Larry King Live
6:30	NBC Nightly News	4:30		Numb & Number	
7:00	Sesame Street (TV-Y)	5:00	<05> Disney's Jungle Cubs	Spectrum Movie	News with Brian Williams
7:30		5:30	Brand Spanking New Dog	Blackboard Jungle	
8:00	Teletubbies (TV-Y)	6:00	The Crocodile Hunter's Croc	(TVPG)	The O'Reilly Factor
8:30	Wheel Of Fortune	6:30	Saved By The Bell		



photo by Senior Airman Michael Holzworth

Azorean holidays

Rua Direita, Angra do Heroísmo. The city of Angra brightly decorates the main streets with Christmas lights each year. The lights will stay on through Sunday.

Workshops for parents

There is a Parental Development Workshop every Tuesday from Jan. 16-Feb. 13, 6:30-8 p.m., at the elementary school. Parents can learn to enhance parenting skills and the workshop provides educational techniques for being supportive of children and adolescents.

Read-A-Thon set

The elementary school will have a Read-A-Thon Day Jan. 28. Parents and friends are invited to bring in a book and share some stories.

School happenings

There is a Student Advisory Council meeting for the high school Jan. 25, and one for the elementary school Jan. 23. Both start at 3:30 p.m. in the media center. There is a Parent Teacher Student Advisory meeting Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. followed by an elementary school music concert at 7 p.m., in the community center ballroom. For more information call the high school at 23357 or the elementary school at 23491.

Name the BX competition

The Army and Air Force Exchange Services are sponsoring a competition to name the new base exchange, shoppette and lower BX. Contestants should submit suitable

names that quickly and cleverly identify the prominent location of these three AAFES facilities and names must be no longer than 12 letters. Entries will be accepted at e-mail address: mp1620@mail.telepac.pt, or can be submitted on a 3x5 card posted with name, squadron and telephone number placed in the sweepstakes box in the new BX. Military and civilians, 18 years and older, are eligible to enter and only one entry per contestant will be accepted. First prize is \$100; second prize is \$50. Deadline for entries is Wednesday. For information call Henry Awosefaju at 23444.

UMUC Term 3 and holidays

The University of Maryland is offering the following classes for Term 3: Elementary Portuguese, Monday-Thursday from noon to 1:15 p.m.; Administration of Justice and Technical Writing, Monday-Thursday from 5:15-6:30 p.m.; Environmental Science and Internet: A Practical Guide, Monday and Wednesday from 6:45-9:45 p.m.; Introduction to Writing, Adult Psychopathology and Introduction to Public Speaking, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:45-9:45 p.m. Registration dates are through Jan. 12 and term dates are Jan. 15-Mar. 9. For more information call the UMUC field representative at 24187.

Classifieds

To place a classified ad, pick up a form at the public affairs office, Bldg. T-100, Room 121 or call Ext. 23520. To avoid unwanted calls, call PA to cancel your ad when the item sells.

1994 Typhoon Scooter, \$690. Call 295-516030.

1989 Chevy Nova, 4 door, automatic, mechanically sound, \$1,300. Call Chris at 295-549818 or 24180.

1989 Toyota Carina, good condition, asking \$1,000. Call 295-549418 or 24180.

1985 Suzuki, 4 wheel drive, inspection good through July 2001, asking \$2,000. Call 295-543004.

1991 Toyota Corolla, 2 door, hatchback, sunroof, new tires and battery, excellent condition, inspection good through April 2001, asking \$2,500. Call Gary at 295-512784 or 23924.

1987 Honda Civic Wagon, 4 door, automatic, CD player, great second car, asking \$1,800. Call 295-549425 or 26824.

1993 Dodge Shadow ES, well maintained, only one owner, asking \$3,600. Call 295-542289.

1984 Toyota Pick-up, runs great, inspection good through September 2001, asking \$1,200. Call 295-513921.

House for rent: 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, fireplace new kitchen cabinets and floor, fenced yard, \$350 per month. Call Ana Arruda at 295-542374.

King size bed, includes mattress, box springs and frame, \$40. Call Mario at 295-549786 or 23373.

Pioneer 6 pack vehicle CD player, asking \$50; Pioneer equalizer, \$25; Jensen 100w power amp, \$40. Call John at 295-549427.

Kenwood 105VR receiver/tuner, Dolby surround and Pro Logic, \$100; Bose AM-5 Series II speakers, \$300. Call Chris at 295-549748 or 21454.

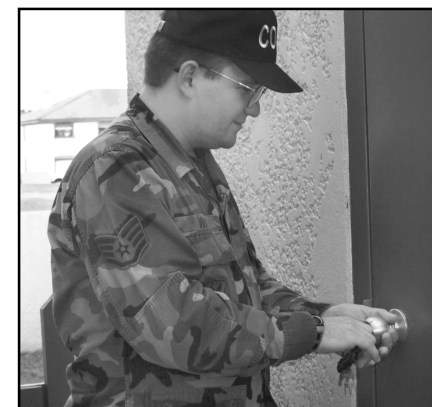


photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott Johnson
Staff Sgt. Gary Wike, 65th Contracting Squadron, secures his utility shed.

Locking down crime

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, especially here at Lajes.

Everyone should periodically take a few minutes to check home and storage entry points.

Following these guidelines can help keep you and your family from becoming a victim.

— Check locks on doors and windows to make sure they're in perfect working condition.

— Make sure the deadbolt lock to the exterior storage unit works.

— Don't leave valuables such as purses, money and jewelry laid out where they can be seen by someone looking into the windows or doors.

On-base residents who find locks missing or not working properly should call housing maintenance at Ext. 2-3362.

People living off base should contact their landlord to report security problems. (Information in this article courtesy on the housing office.)

Emergency, on-call physician numbers

From on- and off-base homes

Page the PCM by dialing 295-57-5000-0429

Call the PCM by dialing 966-478-370

Emergencies from any residence 295-571-911

From official base phones

Call 911 for emergencies

Heating up at work

With the chilly weather on Terceira, we're tempted to "spark up" our space heaters. But safety must remain a priority.

There are numerous space heaters on the market, so it's important to become familiar with the brand selected. However, these general guidelines will help keep everyone warm and safe this winter.

— Keep at least 36 inches between any heat producing appliance and combustible materials. Don't put them under desks.

— Always follow manufacturer's guidelines when using space heaters.

— Lajes regulations prohibit using any portable heating appliance containing a flammable or combustible liquid or gas.

— All space heaters must have an automatic tilt switch that shuts down the appliance in the event it turns over.

— Don't leave portable heaters unattended when in use.

— Remember to unplug them at the end of the day.

— Space heaters are prohibited in any hazardous location.

For information call Ext. 2-3372. (Courtesy of Lajes safety office and fire protection.)



photo by Senior Airman Michael Holzworth

Security Savvy



During December, security forces saw a rise in the number of vehicle break-ins. Not all break-ins can be prevented but certain steps can be taken to safeguard your property.

Contrary to popular belief here on the island, it's definitely not better to leave your vehicle unlocked. Always lock the doors and completely roll up the windows.

People who don't secure their property are not eligible to file a claim through the legal office.

Also try not to leave any items in the vehicle. Something as small as a cassette or compact disc can tempt a

thief. If you must leave something in the vehicle, put it in the trunk or other lockable compartment out of plain sight.

Vehicle break-ins should be immediately reported to security forces at Ext. 2-3222.

If an incident happens off base, it must also be reported to civilian authorities. An interpreter is available 24 hours a day through security forces to assist in reporting such incidents. For more information on steps you can take, call the Crime Prevention office at ext 2-3645.

Free tax service available, center needs volunteers

Staff Sgt. Beverly Isik
Public affairs

Tax season is here and Lajes members have their own full-service tax center for help filing returns, absolutely free.

The center is expected to be up and running by Feb. 1

Last year tax center volunteers prepared more than 90 percent of the base population's federal and state income tax returns, saving Lajes military members and civilian employees more than \$60,000 in tax preparation fees, according to Master Sgt. Joseph Carvalho, wing legal office manager.

Electronic filing is also available and cuts the time it takes to receive a refund from months to weeks, Sergeant Carvalho explained.

Since the service is free, the tax center needs 45 people to serve as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) representatives.

"It's impossible without volunteer assistance," he said. "As a VITA representative, volunteers receive four days of valuable federal income tax preparation training from an Internal Revenue Service tax expert."

Volunteers will learn the latest tax laws and will be trained on tax preparation software used throughout the tax season during training classes Jan. 16-19, 8:00-5 p.m., in the Top of the Rock Club ballroom.

Military members and civilian employees need to have their supervisor's approval before becoming a VITA representative.

"We want to encourage family member spouses to volunteer, as this is an excellent opportunity to gain experience in tax preparation for future job opportunities or for their own personal knowledge," Sergeant Carvalho said.

To volunteer, call Sergeant Carvalho at Ext. 2-3546.

College education at top of commissary shopping list

FORT LEE, Va. -- The Defense Commissary Agency is offering scholarships of \$1,500 or more to a college-bound military child at installations served by a commissary.

Scholarships offered for 2001 will be at least \$1,500 per commissary, explained Andréa Campbell, Lajes commissary representative.

Students who are interested in applying can pick up an application from the rack near the commissary entrance.

Completed applications must be returned to the commissary by Feb. 15, where a store official will validate it by checking the student's or sponsor's identification card. Applications can also be downloaded from the DeCA website at www.commissaries.com.

The scholarships are open to qualified sons and daughters of U.S. military ID card holders including retirees, guard and reserves.

Students must have a 3.0 grade point average and write a short essay on "What Being a Military Dependent Means to Me." Students currently attending college may also be eligible to apply. Recipients will be notified by April 30.

Volunteers will learn the latest tax laws and trained on tax preparation software used throughout the tax season during training classes Jan. 16-19, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., in the Top of the Rock Club ballroom.



Five make majors list

The following Lajes captains were selected for promotion to major: **Lionel Earl**, 65th Communications Squadron; **Greg Williams**, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Stacy Yike**, 65th Medical Support Squadron; **Carol Copeland**, 65th Medical Operations Squadron; and **Robert Kesead**, 65th MDOS.

Six airmen promoted

The following airmen were promoted to the next highest rank during a promotion ceremony Wednesday. Airmen First Class **Deborah Staley** and **Shonte Torres**, 65th Communication Squadron; and Airman 1st Class **Julian Chodack**, 629th Air Mobility Support Squadron; Airman **Matthew Shively**, 65th Security Forces Squadron; Airmen Basic **Curtis Eccleston** and **Richard Brown**, 629th AMSS.

Historian earns Army medal

Staff Sgt. **Ronald Bailey**, wing historian, received the U.S. Army Achievement Medal by the Georgia Army National Guard's 48th Mechanized Infantry Brigade for his work with the unit while assigned to the 347th Wing, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

J-Staff troops earn humanitarian medals

The following members of U.S. Forces Azores recently received the Humanitarian Service Medal for supporting the Sao Miguel Relief Operation in the Azores from Mar. 19-June 20 1998: Master Sgt. **Henrique Botelho** and Petty Officer 2nd Class **Darin Huddleston**.

Five graduate NCO Academy

Five students from Lajes graduated from the Non-commissioned Officer Academy Dec. 14.

Tech. Sgts. **Carla Mack**, 65th Air Base Wing; **John Riley**, 65th Comptroller Flight; **Cynthia Cabrera**, 65th Medical Group; **Raymond Alston**, 65th Operation Support Squadron, and **Gary Vercher**, 65th Transportation Squadron.

AMSS quarterly awards

The 629th Air Mobility Support Squadron named the following quarterly award winners: Company Grade Officer of the quarter, Capt. **Stephanie Fox**; Senior NCO of the Quarter, Master Sgt. **John Ross**; NCO of the Quarter, Staff Sgt. **Tony Johnson**; Airman of the Quarter, Senior Airman **Donnie Frazier**; Portuguese Civilian of the Quarter Category 1, **Paul Ataide**; Portuguese Civilian of the Quarter Category 2, Rita Costa and Civilian of the Quarter Category 1, **Teresita Holm**.

Sailor injured in Atlantic

Medical teams from Lajes, Angra, Sao Miguel save life



file photo by Senior Airman Michael Holzworth

Once stabilized here at Lajes, a medical response team transported the sailor to Angra Hospital via ambulance.

Maj. James Clapsaddle
65th Medical Group
Tech. Sgt. Jose Ruiz
Public affairs

Three hundred miles from Terceira, aboard the USS George Washington, an injured American sailor's life is in jeopardy.

A 20-foot fall to a metal floor has left the sailor with severe internal injuries and trauma to the brain. Immediate medical attention is needed to keep an already bad situation from getting worse.

This was the scenario that unfolded in the Atlantic in the afternoon hours of Dec. 12. A crisis scenario the trained men and women of the 65th Medical Group and their Portuguese counterparts at Angra de Heroismo and Sao Miguel would jointly respond to.

Word of the accident reached MDG physicians at 2 p.m. Members of the clinic's staff began working immediately with physicians from Angra Hospital to prepare for the injured sailor's arrival.

According to Lt. Col. (Dr.) Arvind Shenoy, MDG, a description of the injuries made it clear they had to prevent or minimize the permanent effects of his injuries. "The serious injuries, if not treated immediately, would have left him brain damaged and paralyzed for life — if he lived," the doctor recalled.

Captain (Dr.) Luis Tata, a Portuguese Flight Surgeon, soon joined the preparatory effort, which was now picking up speed. Within minutes, a multinational team of emergency medical response professionals and medical specialists was assembled at Lajes and ready to receive and stabilize the inbound patient.

"Doctor Tata and I were talking on cell phones with neurologists at Angra Hospital and the nearby island of Sao Miguel," recalled Doctor Shenoy.

"We knew whatever condition our patient landed in, we were ready. But we had to move quickly."

An aircraft transporting the sailor from the carrier arrived at Lajes at 6 p.m. Doctor Shenoy, Doctor Tata and an ambulance crew immediately tried to stabilize the patient, whose condition was now worsening.

"When we saw our patient for the first time, his condition had deteriorated significantly from the first report," explained Doctor Shenoy. "We were extremely concerned. However, the local Portuguese emergency medical services were well prepared and standing by."

Once stabilized at Lajes, the sailor was transported by ambulance to Angra Hospital, where a series of x-rays and a CT scan confirmed he had multiple cerebral contusions that were making his brain swell dangerously.

He was in a hospital and under the care of a neurologist, but the sailor's ordeal was far from over. His condition required the kind of advanced neurological services that Angra Hospital could not offer. He would have to be moved again and soon.

Based on the initial reports from the carrier and from Doctors Shenoy and Tata, the Angra neurologist had already anticipated such a need and arranged for a transport to be available.

A Portuguese Puma helicopter aeromedically evacuated the American patient to Ponta Deglado Hospital on the island of Sao Miguel, where a state-of-art facility, home to some of the most advanced neurology services in Europe, was made available to aid in the sailor's care.

The sailor who just hours before lay near death on a carrier in the middle of a vast ocean was now receiving the best care modern medicine could offer — thanks in

part to a friendly, generous and caring Azorean community.

According to Doctor Shenoy, within four hours after arriving on Sao Miguel, the patient's condition began to improve

rapidly. Loss of life and paralysis were no longer a threat, and doctors expected him to make a slow, but full recovery.

"I was dazzled at the speed and cooperation our Portuguese counterparts provided," said Doctor Shenoy. "Portuguese health-care providers give our beneficiaries awesome care. I can think of one Navy beneficiary and his family who are very thankful our Portuguese partners were here to care for them."

The sailor returned to his home in the states in time for the holidays, where his family could lend support during the tough first days of his gradual recovery.

"The serious injuries, if not treated immediately, would have left him brain damaged and paralyzed for life — if he lived,"

-- Lt. Col. (Dr.) Arvind Shenoy
65th Medical Group